

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 96-11

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)
"WORK PAYS" BROCHURE PUB 232 (1/96)REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER DATED
OCTOBER 30, 1995

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the AFDC "Work Pays" Brochure [PUB 232 (1/96)] which will help you to deliver the message to AFDC clients about the financial and personal benefits of working.

The brochure has been updated and simplified by a joint county/state working committee after input from the County Welfare Directors Association and a welfare recipient focus group. It is designed to give a simple message explaining how it pays to work. There is a blank worksheet to allow clients to calculate how much more money they will have for their families if they work. We are also introducing the theme, "Work Pays In So Many Ways."

It is extremely important that AFDC clients be made aware of the personal benefits of seeking and accepting work. Counties should make every possible effort to pass along this message.

The brochure is to be handed out to all recipients during their first year on aid and at least annually thereafter. It can be provided upon request, mailed out, placed in lobbies or waiting rooms, etc. The emphasis is on distributing the brochure as an outreach and informing tool for "Work Pays."

BROCHURE SUPPLIES

An initial supply of the brochures was shipped to counties in mid February. The brochure is available at no cost using the standard ordering procedures with the GEN 727B (County Forms Order) and sending it to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Warehouse.

TRANSLATIONS

The English version of the brochure is being translated into Spanish. It will be printed and made available at the CDSS Warehouse in April 1996. You will receive a separate notice on the Spanish version.

The Language Services Bureau is also translating the brochure into Vietnamese, Cambodian and Chinese. Camera-ready copies can be obtained by calling or writing:

CDSS Language Services Bureau
744 P Street, MS 7-182
Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 6757-1907/CALNET 437-1907

CALIFORNIA WORK PAYS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT - RESEARCH COUNTIES (Alameda, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Joaquin)

Cases assigned to experimental status will be subject to receipt of the "Work Pays" information. Cases in control status will not be subject to "Work Pays" informing.

CONTACT

If you have any program questions, please contact Dennis Ragasa, Work Pays Coordinator in the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau, at (916) 654-1063 or CALNET 464-1063.

Sincerely,



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